

Call For The Meeting of The

National Afro-American Council.

To the Members of the National Afro-American Delegates From Local Councils, and Affiliated Organizations Such as Churches, Colleges, Benevolent Societies, and Other Race Organizations—Greeting:

The Fourth Annual Session of the National Afro-American Council will be held at Philadelphia, Pa. (probably

ing should be so great in numbers and gathering, now is that time. The meeting influence as to forever set at rest the oft repeated statement that the Negro is not interested in his civil and political rights.

BASIS OF MEMBERSHIP.

The Afro-American Council shall be composed of members as follows:

- 1st. All persons who hold life membership.
- 2d. Council Delegates, representing



BI HOP ALEXANDER WALTERS, PRESIDENT.

in the City Council Chambers), Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1901. It is hoped that every church, college, benevolent society, and other race organizations, and editors of race newspapers, will be represented. It is the purpose of the officers to make this meeting the largest and most potent for good of any which the Council has ever held. In recent years Philadelphia has been the storm center of several important national gatherings for the discussion of the race question, and the outcome has not always been the most favorable for the Negro. We now have an opportunity to refute the erroneous statements which have been made there, and change the unfavorable sentiment which has been created by some of the enemies of the race who have selected the "Quaker City" as the forum from which to hurl their philippics against a loyal and inoffensive people on account of their color and previous condition of servitude. Again, it is our earnest desire to collect sufficient funds at this meeting to pay the remaining expenses of our Louisiana Test Case. I have just received notice from our chief counsel, Lawyer A. A. Birney, of Washington, D. C., informing me that the case is progressing satisfactorily. (A full report of this case will be made at the Philadelphia meeting.) We have already paid \$1,000 for counsel fees, and \$500 is now due. \$1,000 more will be needed when the final decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States. If there ever was a time when every Negro church, college, benevolent society, and other race organizations should send representatives, accompanied by the annual tax of five dollars, to a great national

duly accredited Local Councils.

3d. Affiliated Delegates, representing organizations of similar plans and purposes co-operating with the Afro-American Council.

Every local Afro-American Council shall be entitled to representation in



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the National Council by delegates elected on a basis of one delegate to every fifty members, said delegates to qualify upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of five dollars.

Religious and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of the race, and which desire

to co-operate with the National Council may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates shall have the right to vote upon payment of five dollars for each delegate.

Editors of Afro-American newspapers and principals of academic schools and colleges may be admitted to membership in the National Council and be entitled to a vote, upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of five dollars. (See Article III of Constitution.)

The citizens of Philadelphia are preparing to entertain the council on a



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magnificent scale. A special rate of a fare and a third on the certificate plan has been granted on all railroads for delegates. Those who intend visiting the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo on their way to or from the Council meeting, will be allowed a "stop-over" at Philadelphia, thus getting the advantage of the half-fare rates.

ALEXANDER WALTERS,
President National Afro-American Council.

T. THOMAS FORTUNE,
Chairman Executive Committee.

CYRUS FIELDS ADAMS,
General Secretary.

P. S.—Let the organizations named above, especially the churches, colleges and lodges, elect their delegates as soon as possible and send their names to Bishop A. Walters, 228 Duncan Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

The Atlantic City News.

Atlantic City, N. J., Special:—This city is rigging itself up in summer attire and the people are flocking here from all parts of the country. This promise to be the greatest of all seasons. Even at this date the hotels are crowded and an army of employees are here in the different hotels and places of business. The Hotel Delmonico continues to be the most popular place for aristocratic visitors. Mr. Nathaniel Diggs, the genial manager, is making many friends by his clever treatment of his guests. The following guests were registered there last week: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris, of Hot Springs; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Duckings, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Walter Harris, Camden, N. J.; Mr. William Robinson, New York; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stearns, Baltimore, Md.; Miss M. Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. H. L. Johns, Trenton, N. J.; Mr. John Stokes, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. James P. Williams, Richmond, Va.

The Hotel Henderson, on North Mississippi avenue, is also growing in popularity. Mr. Stacy I. Henderson, the manager, already has orders sufficient to justify him in believing that he will have all he can attend to this season.

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The River Queen.

The following dates have been chartered for Nott's Hall, Lower Cedar Point and Glymont on Steamer River Queen.

June 21, Young Men's Protective League.
June 24, The Patuxent Social Club.
June 25, Israel C. M. E. church.

June 26, R. H. Gunnell Lodge U. O. of O. F.
June 28, The Epicureans.

July 1, Yale Social Club Glymont
July 2, South End Athletic Club
July 4, T. N. Brown Odd Fellows Lodge.

July 8, Bill Quiley Social Club
July 10, Corolla Social Club Lower Cedar Point

July 11, Knights Temple Lodge
July 15, St. John Aid Society, Lower Cedar Point

July 16, Masonic Excursion.
July 25, St. John Aid Society to Lower Cedar Point.

Churches or clubs or parties desiring to secure good dates should see Capt. Woolen at office. His residence is 154 East Capitol St or N street Wharf southwest.

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